

connecting a [controller digital computer;

a) plurality of participator [digital] computers with a controller], each said participator] computer through the Internet, [including an input device for receiving human-input information from a human user and an output device for presenting information to the user,] each said participator computer connected to an input device to receive input information from a respective user and to an output device, each said user having a user identity;

[a connection [internet] linking] programming the controller computer to control distributing the communication [which each of the participator computers];

programming the participator computers to enable receiving the communication;

[controller, software, running on the controller computer to] arbitrat[e]ing with the controller computer, in accordance with predefined rules including a test for an authenticated [said] user identity, to determine which one[s] of the participator computers can [interact in one of a plurality of groups through the controller computer and to distribute real time data to] receive the communication, including a communication of sound, video, a graphic, a URL, or a combination thereof [the respective ones of the groups]; and

distributing, in accordance with [participator software, running on each of] the predefined rules, [participator computers to handle a user interface permitting one said user to send a multimedia information message to] the communication in real time over [controller computer, which arbitrates which of the participator computers receive the multimedia information message and conveys] the Internet [multimedia information message] to the [selected] one of the participator computers [to present the multimedia information to the respective user].

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

The application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 240-0824 if it can in any way expedite or ease the handling of this case. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

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